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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: REMOVAL OF ENCLOSED GLASS
PARTS AFTER CUTTING USING
HEATING AND COOLING TECHNIQUES

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated May 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows:

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17. (Amended) Method comprising:

providing a glass work piece that surrounds a waste piece;

heating the glass work piece using a heating element having a heating surface without mechanically contacting the major surfaces of said work piece;

cooling the waste piece, wherein the waste piece contracts relative to the work piece, and the work piece expands relative to the waste piece; and

separating the work piece from the waste piece.

24. (Amended) Method comprising.